



## AFFECTING PASSAGE

BETWEEN A

FATHER AND SON.

*Glorious Forbearance! Worthy of a Crown.*

ALPHONSO, King of Portugal, had come into France to solicit succours, in support of his niece Joanna's claim to Castile. From the repeated cold treatment he underwent at the court of Lewis XI, he could entertain no hopes of success! he even apprehended being delivered up to Ferdinand, the reigning King of Castile. In order to di-

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vert the prosecutions of any bad design against him, he gave out that he intended to renounce the world, and spend the remainder of his days in the exercises of devotion and penitence; and farther, wrote an eternal adieu to Don Juan his son, ordering him to cause himself to be crowned King, without loss of time. After dispatching this letter, he privately withdrew, on which it was reported that he had crossed the seas on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem; but by the strict search made after him, he was discovered in a village near Honfleur. Lewis's interest now requiring that he should protect Alphonso, to play him against Ferdinand and Isabella, then negotiating with Maximilian, who having married the heiress of Burgunda, was become master of the Netherlands. Lewis urged Alphonso to return to his dominions, and ordered the province of Normandy to furnish requisites for the voyage. Don Juan, in the mean time, pursuant to his father's orders, had convened the states of Portugal in order to his coronation; and that ceremony was scarcely over, when he received advice that the king, his father, was landed.

Every consideration immediately gave way to filial duty. The young prince abdicates the sovereignty, lays aside the royal ensigns, and flies into his father's arms. Alphonso in-

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